A.—The Government are not in possession of the full details asked for.

The civil budget estimate for the year 1920–21 gives the number of village officers and menials on duty on 1st April 1920, i.e., before the reduction of establishment was ordered. The statement on page 165 of the Retrenchment Committee's report, which has been placed on the table of the House, gives the reductions ordered by the Board up to 20th September 1923.

A statement giving the above details is appended.*

Village grouping in the Malabar district.

419 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to lay on the table a statement containing the following particulars :—

(*a*) the number of amsams in the Malabar district, both before and after their recent grouping ;

(*b*) the number of adhikaries, menons and kolkarans whose services were dispensed with in consequence of the grouping ;

(*c*) the number of villages, both before and after their recent grouping, in all the other districts of the Presidency taken together ; and

(*d*) the total number of village officers and menials in the districts mentioned in question (*c*) above whose services were dispensed with in consequence of regrouping ?

A.—The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer to question No. 418.

Village grouping in the Kurnool district.

420 *Q.*—Mr. K. Sarabha Reddi: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased—

(i) to state whether the clubbing of villages has been completed in the Kurnool district; if so, to inform the House how many village reddis, karnams and servants were thrown out of employment ; and

(ii) to lay on the table figures showing the retrenchment in expenditure caused thereby ?

A.—The Government are not in possession of the details asked for.

Regrouping of villages in Malabar.

421 *Q.*—Mr. K. Prabhakaran Tampan: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have ordered the regrouping of villages in all the taluks in Malabar ; if so, to furnish in a tabular form a statement showing the number of villages in each taluk both before and after the regrouping, the number of village headmen and karnams and other servants whose service will be dispensed with and the savings that may be effected thereby ;

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* Printed as Appendix VII on page 449 infra.